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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification

On page 1, kindly insert the following paragraph immediately following the title:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is the U.S. national phase of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/003363 filed on August 4, 2004 published in English on March 3, 2005 as International Publication No. WO 2005/019836 A2, which application claims priority to Great Britain Application No. 0319671.4 filed on August 21, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated by reference herein.--

On page 44, kindly cancel the text which reads:

'The lid 200 comprises a membrane 206 which, in order to access the sample'